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SUBJECT: CHEMTEX PROJECT

REF: ISLAMABAD 11521

1. DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE ARE DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY OUTCOME OF FCCC POLYESTER PLANT NEGOTIATIONS AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. WE ARE SURPRISED THAT, AFTER SO MANY MONTHS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING, FINAL CONTRACT AWARD FOR THIS HIGHLY VISIBLE AND IMPORTANT INVESTMENT HAS BEEN DENIED ON THE BASIS OF A THREE-HOUR DELAY PAST A DEADLINE WHICH APPEARED AMBIGUOUS IN ANY EVENT. WE NOTE THAT THIS ACTION SEEMINGLY CONTRADICTS THE OFTEN-EXPRESSED GOP POLICY OF ENCOURAGING U.S. INVESTMENT IN PAKISTAN AND FACILITATING THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO ASCERTAIN ITS REACTION TO THE CHEMTEX LETTER. IF RESPONSE

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NEGATIVE, AND AT AMBASSADOR'S DISCRETION, EMBASSY MAY ALSO

WISH TO CONVEY THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES
AND NOTE THAT THIS DECISION COULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO

STIMULATE U.S. INVESTORS AND SUPPLIERS TO DO BUSINESS IN
PAKISTAN. SINCE THE GOP ENCOURAGED CHEMTEX TO INVEST A
YEAR AND CONSIDERABLE OVERHEAD IN BIDDING, WE BELIEVE THE
GOP SHOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT A MINIMAL DELAY IN
OBTAINING FINAL TERMS. ROBINSON

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